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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Breaking schedules were about normal for next week. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the no better than fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

Effective January 2, 2003, prices delivered to retailers warehouse or store door in Boston (Brown), Philadelphia, Atlanta, Jackson, Major Louisiana Cities, Detroit, Major Ohio Cities and Major Wisconsin Cities will no longer be issued. Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and South Central regional prices will be issued instead and will be reported as "prices delivered to retailers warehouse and volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen." Prices and comments will appear on the report daily. Prices into Chicago, New York and Southern California delivered store door will continue to be reported.

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand.

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned and food service demand mixed, fair to instances good following the holiday period. Supplies of all sizes adequate to in close balance and confidently held.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good where features were a factor. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to instances fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand continues limited for the adequate offers. Only an occasional buyer needs additional nest run eggs. Existing inventories and regular commitments satisfy needs for most breakers. Supplies of additional nest run product held with confidence. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present requirements. Breaking stock demand was light for fully adequate supplies.

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices unchanged for all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where specials are a factor. Supplies adequate.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on mediums, cautiously steady on larger sizes. Demand was light to moderate, better where feature activity was in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs.

## PRICES TO RETAILERS "NO LONGER ISSUED"

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in close balance.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light locally and held for top prices from the midwest. Small benchmark price 57. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3. **CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

### **RANGE**

JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	77

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### **RANGE**

JUMBO	82-89
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-81
MEDIUM	64-67

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### **RANGE**

JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-299
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Trading and demand continues limited for the adequate offers. Only an occasional buyer needs additional nest run eggs. Existing inventories and regular commitments satisfy needs for most breakers. Supplies of additional nest run product held with confidence. Finished product demand mixed following the holiday period. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-32	31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21	

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady at current price levels. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules for next week were about normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern regions were 18 percent less than last week, however 1 percent more than the same week last year. CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-33	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-26	17-20

EASTERN REGION AREA:  
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 28-Dec-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,016,048	24,757	8,959	4,884	2,973	3,616
PW	1,185,381	29,075	10,643	5,737	2,595	4,260
LY	988,416	21,439	10,240	5,654	2,651	3,641
% CHG PW	-14	-15	-16	-15	15	-15
% CHG LY	3	15	-13	-14	12	-1
2002	62,503,153	1,465,932	594,295	319,444	144,323	221,819
2001	60,283,464	1,368,786	604,530	322,894	135,063	215,621
% CHG YTD	4	7	-2	-1	7	3

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.55	41.94	41.45
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	37.99	38.35	37.77

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 67 to 77 cents fob, no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Trading and demand fair for the generally adequate supplies of all liquid items. Finished product demand irregular. Schedules parttime for the holiday week and fulltime for next week. Breaking stock prices were unchanged from last week's prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 03 January, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	23-25	24.31	.05
WHITES	10	12-17.75	13.55	.45
YOLKS	7	68-69	68.86	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were slightly lower on yolks and unchanged on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was generally steady. Demand and trading was reported as light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 28, 2002 were 22% less than the previous week, but 1% higher than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-44	40-43	46-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		69-85
WHITES	21-32	22-24	28-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-84	82-84	87-94
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-80	76-80	83-89

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and sugar yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower, whites unchanged and salt yolk mostly down 1 cent. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on all frozen products. Trading and demand fair at best with offers adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate as buyers and sellers watch developments related to the market. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported values.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	40-42
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-84	82-83
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-81	76-78

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/28 was 45% less than the previous week due to Christmas holiday downtime. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	45-48
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-90
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on albumen, unchanged to lower on blends, and unchanged on the remainder of items when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was mixed on whites and steady on the balance. Offerings were adequate for current trade requirements. Trading and demand was mostly light. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 28, 2002 were 15% more than the previous week and 12% higher than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 7% more than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.55-1.85	MOSTLY 1.60-1.70
YOLKS	1.77-2.15	MOSTLY 1.90-2.00
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.50-2.00	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.36	MOSTLY 1.25-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 27, 2002-JAN 02, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
106.50								50.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.00	45.38	40.25	42.00	—	—	22.00	GNR W 1	43.00	46.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	31.67	—	4.00	GNR W 3	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	102.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	51.40	—	—	—	57.42	23.00
GL W XL	—	53.00	53.33	54.32	47.61	—	44.50	GL W LG	43.00	51.80	—	—	—	53.52	35.25
GL W LG	—	52.26	42.00	45.20	43.89	47.00	52.00	GL W MD	40.00	34.00	—	48.00	37.00	43.21	18.50
GL W MD	—	—	36.00	37.50	34.00	32.33	21.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.50	31.50	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	27.88	29.13	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	13.00	23.00	—	—	—	19.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.33	31.58	34.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	16.00	—	20.50	6.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.00	—	—	—	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

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**Effective January 3, 2003 the Eastern Region, North Central, and South Central Light Live Type Hen reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to requests from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.**  
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**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Demand was no better than fair and generally unaggressive. Offerings were at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished product was light to fair for reduced offerings. The undertone was generally steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the current fair demand. Following the holiday period, producers utilizing multiple sources to dispose of hens that have completed laying cycles. Slaughter schedules were part time for this week and resume to fulltime for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent light hens. Schedules were as desired, set for a moderate at best demand for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-7	(1)	3-5
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0-5	(1)	2-3
(1) Removal Cost			
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT			

**COMBINED REGIONAL EGG**

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 3-Jan-03  
 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
 LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
 WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.00	64.00	47.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	47.00
MIDWEST	56.00	55.00	42.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	63.00	45.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.50	61.19	45.43

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**Effective January 3, 2003, this report will be replaced by the Weekly Combined Regional report. This change is necessitated by the change in egg price reporting procedures.**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices trended slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies due to very light movement. Demand was in a full range and trading was extremely limited on heavy canners. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to short and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady on lights; generally steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-27.5 MAJORITY 22-23	31-35 MAJORITY 31-33
CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-29.5 MAJORITY 24-24.5	33-37 MAJORITY 33-34

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked reduced holiday schedules. Offerings ample.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION**

**\*\*Note that data is for week ending 21-Dec-02\*\***

(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,782	1,442	3,224
LAST WEEK	1,829	1,342	3,171
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,942	1,419	3,361
TO-DATE/2002	88,473	72,137	160,610
TO-DATE/2001	90,978	70,660	161,638

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	341	11	352
LAST WEEK	168	0	168
SAME WEEK YR AGO	407	0	407
TO-DATE/2002	15,181	308	15,489
TO-DATE/2001	20,783	301	21,084

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,123	1,453	3,576
LAST WEEK	1,997	1,342	3,339
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,349	1,419	3,768
TO-DATE/2002	103,654	72,445	176,099
TO-DATE/2001	111,761	70,961	182,722

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 28-Dec-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.5	29.5	-14	0
BOSTON	3.4	3.9	-13	-24
CHICAGO	59.3	56.3	5	14
DETROIT	33.5	33.6	0	12
KANSAS CITY	4.8	3.6	33	-14
LOS ANGELES	88.1	102.2	-14	-22
NEW ORLEANS	11.8	17.2	-31	24
NEW YORK	36.8	43.9	-16	-8
ST. LOUIS	16.1	20.8	-23	10
SAN FRANCISCO	23.8	28.0	-15	1
TOTAL	303.1	339.0	-11	-4
4 WK MVG AVG	314.7			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 28-Dec-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	239.0	-1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	549.5	-2	7
W.N. CENTRAL	270.2	-5	-8
S. ATLANTIC	198.3	-4	9
S. CENTRAL	93.4	-2	12
WEST	190.2	-10	-4
TOTAL	1540.6	-4	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS,  
LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).  
CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
36-40	21-25	11-15

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME  
BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CAR-  
TONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-60	57-55
LARGE	51-59	53-57
MEDIUM	38-44	43-41

**NEW ENGLAND**

NO LONGER ISSUED

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG** REPORT, DEC 31, 2002.  
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	131 -	122 -	89 -	58 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	126-130 128-129	117-121 119-120	82-86 84-85	51-55 53-54
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	130-134 130	121-125 121	88-92 88	57-61 57
VERMONT MOSTLY	130-139 139	125-130 130	89-92 92	- -

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**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS)  
(IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 12/30/02	1,935	128,502	79,091
AM 12/01/02	2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG	-734	16452	1610
PCT CHG	-28%	15%	2%